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1. [redacted]
there are groups in the Ukrainian SSR which are ostensibly fighting a political war against the Government, but actually have resorted to organized thievery. They have resorted to banditry to such an extent that even those persons who were against the government are now hostile towards these groups. In June 1954, [redacted] such anti-government bands still exist in the Western Ukraine. [redacted] in 1946, 1947, and possibly 1948. During those years the saying was, "Soviet authority by day - partisan authority by night." At that time, the following poem was circulating among the collective farmers:

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Kak prishel Ilich (Lenin)
Ne stavshi khleb v pich (pech)
A prishel Stalin
I shchey ne stalo.

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(Since Ilich came
We put no bread in our oven;
But Stalin arrived
And even our poorest soup became nonexistent.)

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2. Groups of thieves exist in Moscow, and there seems to be some organization among them. [redacted] it was general knowledge that during and after the war it was inadvisable to go out at night because thieves would steal one's watch, clothes, or other objects of value. As money was considered valueless, it was not taken. These men worked in groups, and even the police feared them and in some cases joined them.

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